

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for August 2006

Region 8

October 2006

AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	8/06(p)	7/06	8/05
U.S.	4.6%	5.0%	4.9%
INDIANA	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%
EGR 8*	5.1%	5.3%	5.7%
Bloomington MSA**	4.7%	4.9%	5.4%
Brown	4.1%	4.4%	4.9%
Daviess	3.7%	4.1%	3.9%
Greene	5.7%	5.5%	6.7%
Lawrence	7.1%	7.4%	8.0%
Martin	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%
Monroe	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%
Orange	7.4%	7.4%	6.6%
Owen	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%
Bedford	11.4%	10.8%	11.5%
Bloomington	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Linton	8.6%	8.2%	9.9%
Loogootee	6.5%	6.6%	8.8%
Nashville	9.7%	10.4%	14.1%
Paoli	9.0%	9.4%	8.2%
Spencer	15.1%	13.8%	16.5%
Washington	5.3%	5.6%	5.1%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Overall, 27 states recorded over-the-month unemployment decreases, 16 states and the District of Columbia registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change.

Over the year, jobless rates were down in 37 states and the District of Columbia, up in 11 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate in August at 2.8 percent. Michigan and Mississippi recorded the highest unemployment rates at 7.1 percent each.

Unemployment rates were lower in August than a year earlier in 238 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 94 areas, and unchanged in 35 areas. Twenty-six metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, while 2 areas recorded rates of 10.0 percent or more.

Fargo, ND-MN had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. El Centro, CA and Yuma, AZ—two adjacent, highly agricultural areas with extreme weather—registered the highest jobless rates at 17.4 percent each.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – AUG 2006	COUNTY	AUG 2006 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	7.9%
3	Orange	7.4%
4	Lawrence	7.1%
29	Greene	5.7%
44	Owen	5.3%
53	Martin	5.1%
67	Monroe	4.4%
79	Brown	4.1%
88	Daviess	3.7%
92	Hamilton	3.1%

SURROUNDING STATES AUGUST 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.6% Indiana – 5.2% Kentucky – 5.5% Michigan – 6.7% Ohio – 5.4%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)



WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	AUG 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005	CHANGE FROM JULY 2006 TO AUG 2006				AUG 2005 TO AUG 2006	
Total Nonfarm	77,500	78,200	77,000	-700	-0.9%	+500	+0.6%		
Goods Producing	13,700	13,900	13,900	-200	-1.4%	-200	-1.4%		
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	4,400	4,500	4,700	-100	-2.2%	-300	-6.4%		
Manufacturing	9,300	9,400	9,200	-100	-1.1%	+100	+1.1%		
Durable Goods	6,800	6,800	6,700	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.5%		
Service Providing	63,800	64,300	63,100	-500	-0.8%	+700	+1.1%		
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,700	12,600	12,300	+100	+0.8%	+400	+3.3%		
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%		
Retail Trade	9,100	9,000	8,800	+100	+1.1%	+300	+3.4%		
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Information	1,300	1,300	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+8.3%		
Financial Activities	3,000	2,900	3,200	+100	+3.4%	-200	-6.3%		
Professional & Business Services	6,600	6,600	6,300	+0	+0.0%	+300	+4.8%		
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,700	9,500	-100	-1.0%	+100	+1.1%		
Leisure & Hospitality Services	7,700	7,600	7,700	+100	+1.3%	+0	+0.0%		
Other Services	2,900	3,000	2,700	-100	-3.3%	+200	+7.4%		
Government	20,000	20,600	20,200	-600	-2.9%	-200	-1.0%		
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
State Government	13,600	14,000	13,900	-400	-2.9%	-300	-2.2%		
Local Government	5,800	6,000	5,700	-200	-3.3%	+100	+1.8%		
Local Government Education	2,500	2,800	2,500	-300	-10.7%	+0	+0.0%		

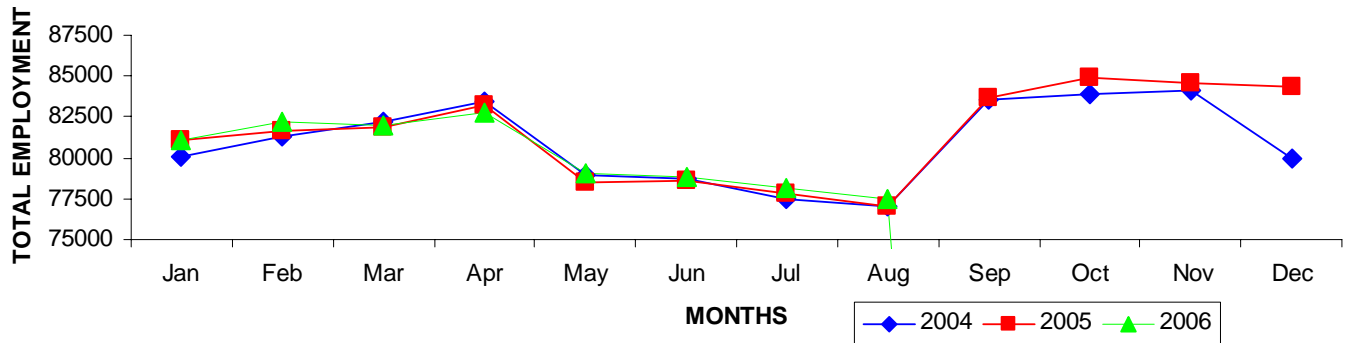
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – AUGUST 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,000	78,800	78,200	77,500	80,200
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,400	4,200
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,400	9,300	9,300
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,600	12,700	12,500
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,500
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,600	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,700	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,400	21,200	20,600	20,000	23,200

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS



Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

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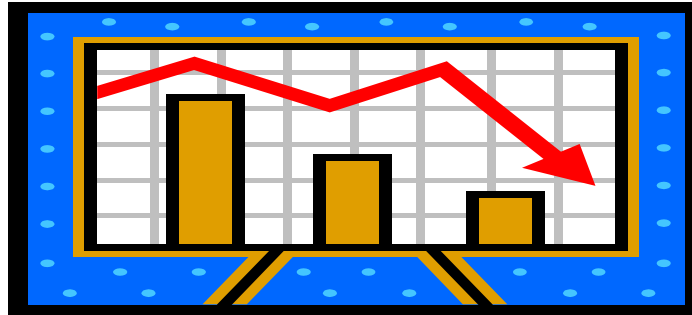
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U.S. City Average

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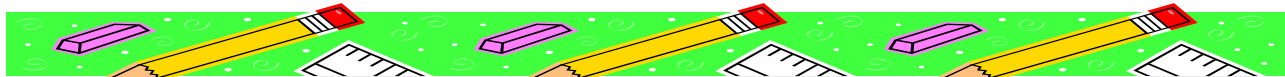
	August 05	July 06
All Items	3.8%	.2%
Food & Beverages	2.5%	.2%
Housing	4.2%	.2%
Apparel	.3%	2.0%
Transportation	6.1%	-.3%
Medical Care	4.3%	.2%
Recreation	1.8%	.0%
Education & Communication	3.3%	1.0%
Other Goods & Services	2.3%	.2%





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	Aug 2006	July 2006	Aug 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	3,620	4,321	4,649	-16.2%	-22.1%
Bloomington	4,498	4,995	6,384	-9.9%	-29.5%
Linton	1,526	1,588	2,224	-3.9%	-31.4%
INDIANA	234,908	287,208	246,299	-18.2%	-4.6%



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during August 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

SELECTED AUGUST 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$5.15	\$8.02	\$9.65
Cashiers, General	5.15	6.54	12.70
Janitors & Cleaners	5.15	7.92	12.15
Production Helpers	5.25	8.31	10.00
Salespersons: Retail	5.15	6.39	15.38
Assemblers	6.90	8.40	10.00
Casino Cage Cashiers	8.78	9.96	11.14
Customer Service Representatives	10.00	13.85	17.69
First Line Supervisors, Customer Service	16.59	17.14	17.69
Hand Packers & Packagers	6.90	9.00	12.70
Chefs & Head Cooks	5.15	13.46	33.17
Cooks: Institution/Cafeteria	5.15	5.97	10.00
Cooks: Short Order	5.15	5.66	8.00
Kitchen Helpers	5.15	5.97	10.13
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	\$6.90	\$8.60	\$10.00

Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

August 29, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 8 Job Titles

Assemblers	3,297
Production Laborers	1,974
General Office Clerks	1,233
Cashiers, General	1,202
All Other Hand Workers	1,128
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,074
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,051
All Other Machine Operators	1,024
Production Helpers	1,003
Receptionists/Information Clerks	990
File Clerks	899
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	765
Administrative Assistants	759
All Other Precision Assemblers	753
Secretaries – Other	721
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	700
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	673
Salespersons: Retail	653
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	653
Machine Assemblers	630

Number of Applicants



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8* WAGE DEMAND

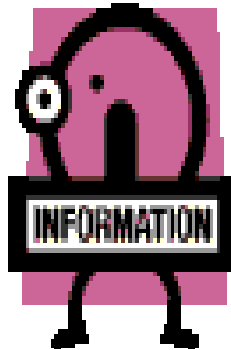
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AREA (8/29/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 8	\$20,364	\$16,640	9,407
Brown	\$25,342	\$20,800	269
Daviess	\$21,773	\$17,680	577
Greene	\$17,496	\$16,640	1,776
Lawrence	\$21,340	\$17,472	1,973
Martin	\$21,141	\$18,720	232
Monroe	\$19,753	\$16,640	3,133
Orange	\$25,100	\$17,160	651
Owen	\$19,919	\$17,680	796



Indiana's Occupational Employment Outlook to 2014....



Indiana's employment is expected to grow by 302,600 jobs between 2004 and 2014, according to the latest projections from Indiana's Department of Workforce Development. This is a growth rate of 10 percent with employment increasing from 3,056,560 in 2004 to 3,359,170 by 2014. Another 742,160 job openings are anticipated to replace retirees and others departing from the workforce. Indiana's occupational projections include a display of occupations along with the most common educational attainment required and the median wages earned for each occupation. It is clear that most of the fastest growing occupations require greater education and are the highest paying jobs. All of the educational attainment groups requiring a degree have a median annual wage of more than \$42,000, and these jobs are expected to grow at double-digit rates. All jobs that require no post-secondary education are expected to grow a rate below 10 percent. More information and tables are highlighted in the September edition of InContext <http://www.incontext.indiana.edu/2006/september/sept06.pdf> or from our Hoosiers by the Numbers website www.hoosierdata.in.gov under publications.

1st QUARTER 2006 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

“Covered Employment and Payrolls” include employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroad, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

COUNTY	ALL INDUSTRIES	MANUFACTURING
Brown	\$ 416	\$ 538
Daviess	\$ 504	\$ 473
Greene	\$ 552	\$ 541
Lawrence	\$ 604	\$ 935
Martin	\$ 589	\$ 809
Monroe	\$ 620	\$ 792
Orange	\$ 543	\$ 629
Owen	\$ 545	\$ 686
Indiana	\$ 713	\$ 1,018

INDIANA LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS
www.hoosierdata.in.gov

Research & Analysis has a new website - Hoosiers by the Numbers. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce.

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